



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

**Weekly Executive Director's Report, Jan. 28, 2010**

**FROM:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**TO:** Authority Board Members

TOPIC / UPDATE

CATEGORY

AUTHORITY STAFF

RELEVANT DATE

NEXT STEP / ACTION NEEDED

**TOP ISSUES**

**ARRA Announcement**

The federal government announced this morning that California has received the largest Recovery Act award of any state -- \$2.34 billion from the \$8 billion pot, \$2.25 billion of which is specifically for high-speed rail projects -- not specified for any of the four sections for which we applied for funding. California has pledged to match this funding dollar-for-dollar from state, private, or local funding, meaning an investment of \$4.5 billion in our planned system.

Statewide

Mehdi Morshed

1/28/2010

Announcements were made Jan. 28. The topic is on the Board agenda for February. Information from the White house can be found here: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/fact-sheet-high-speed-intercity-passenger-rail-program-california>

**Heavy Maintenance Facility RFEI**

The Authority recently issued a Request for Expressions of Interest to identify potential locations for maintenance facilities along the planned high-speed train route.

Fifteen expressions of interest have been received to date from the following parties:

For Heavy Maintenance Facility:

- \* Greater Merced High-Speed Rail Committee (Two proposals submitted.)

- \* Madera County Economic Development Commission and the City of Chowchilla (Three proposals submitted.)

- \* The City of Chowchilla and the property owners (Harris and DeJager)

- \* Madera County Economic Development Commission, the City of Chowchilla, and Kojima Development

- \* Madera County Resource Management Agency

- \* Fresno Works, County of Fresno

- \* Kings County Economic Development Corporation

For Heavy Maintenance and Maintenance of Way facilities:

- \* Kern County, Kern Council of Governments, and the City of Shafter

- \* Kern County, Kern Council of Governments, and the City of Wasco

For Maintenance of Way Facility:

- \* City of Gilroy Community Development Department

- \* San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

- \* MUSE LLC

These expressions of interest are the first step in the environmental review process towards determining the best feasible and practical location. No final selection of maintenance facility sites will be made until the completion of the environmental review process, which at the earliest will be next year.

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**CEO Search**

The two-member committee set up to oversee the search for a new CEO for the Authority met Jan. 27 and approved advertisements and brochures for moving forward with the search process. Information about the meeting can be viewed here: <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/library.asp?p=4856&year=2010>

Other Authority  
Business

Carrie Pourvahidi

1/27/2010

A report from the committee will be delivered to the full Board at the monthly Board meeting Feb. 4.

**SAN FRANCISCO - SAN JOSE**

See ARRA Announcement note above

**SAN JOSE - MERCED**

Nothing to report this period

**MERCED - FRESNO**

See ARRA Announcement note above

**FRESNO - BAKERSFIELD**

See ARRA Announcement note above

**BAKERSFIELD - PALMDALE**

Nothing to report this period

**PALMDALE - LOS ANGELES**

Nothing to report this period

**LOS ANGELES - ANAHEIM**

See ARRA Announcement note above

**LOS ANGELES - SAN DIEGO**

**Feb. Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board's monthly meetings in February will be held in San Diego, at SANDAG -- both Feb. 3 committee meetings and Feb. 4 full Board meeting.

More information on the meetings is at [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov)

Board Mehdi Morshed 2/3-4/2010

**SACRAMENTO - MERCED**

**Public Scoping Meeting**

Scoping meetings kicking off the public environmental review process in the Sacramento - Merced section wil conclude tonight in Modesto. Meetings were already held in Stockton, Merced, and Sacramento.

Environmental Review Dan Leavitt 1/20-28/2010

A scoping report will be compiled and published.

**ALTAMONT CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT**

Nothing to report this period